Kentucky P-16 Learning Object Repository (LOR) Initiative

1. What is the Kentucky P-16 Learning Object Repository Initiative?

   The Kentucky P-16 Learning Object Repository Initiative is a collaborative program that allows teachers and faculty to share rich, engaging, quality, and standards-based digital content to improve their courses. The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) is leading this effort via the Sharable Content Object Repositories for Education (SCORE) so that all teachers and faculty in the 16 member states can share

2. Why is the P-16 Learning Object Repository needed?

   As networked learning becomes the norm, Kentucky teachers and faculty need to rethink and retool course content and design to take advantage of the new digital media for customizable learning anytime, anywhere. Currently, teachers and faculty are building or licensing learning objects as needed. There is no structure for them to share in the P-16 community. The goals of building the P-16 Learning Object Repository is three-fold: to improve the quality of digital learning content; to improve teaching and learning; and, to achieve cost savings.

3. What are the benefits of the P-16 Learning Object Repository?

   The P-16 Learning Object Repository serves as a statewide repository for digital learning objects that are created by and for Kentucky teachers and faculty and that can be used and reused. The Kentucky LOR is a member of the SREB SCORE initiative so that Kentucky teachers and faculty can access all learning objects created within the 16 states. These learning objects are modular, flexible, portable, transferable and accessible. They may be used to teach a particular skill or concept, or to provide stimulating thinking and learning experiences for the teacher or student. A learning object includes digital content, practice activities, and assessment tools that are linked to one or more educational objectives or curriculum standards. By building a centralized P-16 repository, Kentucky can ensure that duplication of efforts eliminated, costs reduced, quality of digital content enhanced, and teaching and learning improved.

4. How many Kentuckians will be served by the program?

   All faculty, teachers, curriculum developers and students in Kentucky will have access to this storehouse of learning content easily and seamlessly across schools, colleges and universities, and state agencies.

5. What is the Council's request?

   The Council seeks $750,000 for 2006-07 and $1,250,000 for 2007-08. This funding provides training support, standards building, infrastructure setup, communications, demonstrations and pilots.